

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LORD READING LAW SOCIETY (“LRLS or the “Society”) HELD AT THE SHAAR HASHOMAYIM SYNAGOGUE, WESTMOUNT, QUEBEC, ON JUNE 11th, 2019, AT 5:30 P.M.

AT WHICH WERE PRESENT:

Mtre. David Assor	Mtre. Allen Mendelsohn
Mtre. Gregory Azancot	Mtre. Donald Michelin
Mtre. Michael Bergman	Hon. Morton Minc
Mtre. Casper Bloom, Q.C., Ad.E.	Mtre. Inna Nekhim
Mtre. Anna Bronshteyn	Mtre. Irwin Rudick
Mtre. David Etedgui	Mtre. Robin Schiller
Mtre. Jonathan Foldiak	Mtre. Frank Schlesinger
Mtre. Marissa Frishman	Mtre. Manuel Shacter, Q.C.
Mtre. Ted Goloff	Mtre. Matthew S. Shadley
Mtre. Andrew Kliger	Mtre. Ian Solloway
Mtre. Doree Levine	Mtre. Alan Stein
Mtre. Lara Malewski	Mtre. Reisa Teitelbaum
Mtre. William Malkinson	Mtre. Alyssa Yufe
Mtre. Larry Markowitz	

1. Approval of Agenda:

The President asked for approval of the Agenda. On a motion by Mtre. Azancot, which was seconded by Mtre. Schlesinger, the Agenda was unanimously approved.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Membership:

The President asked for approval of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.

On a motion by Mtre. Goloff, which was seconded by Mtre. Solloway, the Minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The President asked if there was any business arising out of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting. As there was none, the President proceeded with the Treasurer’s Report.

4. Report of the Treasurer

Nil (absent)

5. Other reports and communications from other committees and/or Officers of LRLS

Nil.

The attendees were informed to refer to Sections 5 and 6 of the Minutes from June 11, 2019, Board meeting.

6. Report of the President

The President proceeded with the following address:

Before the official start of our season, the Society managed to accomplish two great feats. For the first one, we produced a video tribute to the Lord Reading Law Society, a film which showcased our history, passion for law, justice and the people who have made the Society what it is today, our past presidents. This film was a labour of love and it really captured the Society's spirit. If you have not yet seen the full film produced by the Society for this occasion, I encourage you to view it on our website (<https://lordreading.org/videos/>). Thank you to Mtre. Neil Nazan and Mtre. Ashley Kandestin for this beautifully executed project.

The second feat was inaugurating a newly redesigned and improved website, which helped to keep us current and relevant in today's world and keep you informed of our achievements and events during the year. My personal and Society's thanks go out to our Communications Director, Allen Mendelsohn, for his hard work on this (and many other) project.

Our official season started off on October 24th, 2018, with a Gala celebration of the Society's 70th anniversary. Our special guest of the night was The Right Honourable Justice McLachlin, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, who talked to us about "Living with Diversity", a most timely topic and one that is close to the heart of our Society. In recognition of Justice McLachlin's friendship and support of the Society, we presented her with an honorary membership during the Gala dinner.

Not even a month later, on November 20th, we held our season's first, members-only breakfast, at the offices of Lapointe Rosenstein Marchand and Melancon, on the very current topic of the New Cannabis Legislation – What You Need to Know. Mtre. Alexa Rahal and Mtre. Stephanie Marcotte gave a thoughtful and informative presentation on the newest legislation which has far-reaching effects on so many areas of law.

Without taking much pause, we flew straight into our next event on December 6th, with an interesting and informative talk from the engaging Mtre. Arielle Meloul-

Wechesler, Air Canada's Senior Vice President, People and Culture, responsible for overall leadership for human resources, labour relations, communications, and culture change initiatives across the company. Having been a member of Air Canada's executive team since September 2013, Mtre. Meloul-Wechesler gave us an insider's only look into the inner workings of one of Canada's most iconic companies.

The year 2019 opened with our Annual Student Dinner on January 31st. Our esteemed guest was The Honourable Suzanne Cote, Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, who showed her willingness to share her wealth of knowledge and experience with the young lawyers in our audience, by giving a talk entitled "Building your practice as a young litigator". During the same dinner we honoured the memory of the late Justice Michael Stober, awarded prizes to exceptional law students from five of the province's law faculties and celebrated two of our members, an attorney and a student, Donald R. Michelin and Stephanie Perlis, as the Justice Minister Sonia Lebel awarded them Le prix du Ministre de la Justice – Lord Reading, for their tireless work on behalf of the Society and beyond, promoting access to justice and human rights.

Our Annual Henry Steinberg dinner was held on March 13th and we were honoured to welcome the 18th Prime Minister of Canada, The Right Honourable Brian Mulroney as Society's guest speaker. The dinner and speech were a resounding success, and the audience was once again reminded of the personal charisma and power of presence of one of Canada's greatest leaders. Mr. Mulroney's address to the Society on the issue of Anti-Semitism was picked up by both national and local press, once again raising our Society's profile and highlighting its importance to the public.

Our second of the season, members-only, CLE breakfast was held on March 19th at the offices of Borden Ladner Gervais, on the topic of "**Legal Strategies to Protect Your Clients from Ever-Sophisticated Fraudsters**", and was presented by Mtre. Daniel Grodinsky and Mtre. Kevin Mailloux, who gave a sold out room practical advice on how to help our clients and keep one step ahead of the fraudsters.

We continued a tradition that began last season with our second annual members-only Young Bar CLE event on April 17th, but updated it for a brand new, 5 à 7 format. The event was held at the offices of Stein & Stein and featured our very own Allen Mendelsohn, McGill law professor and internet law expert with an always timely presentation on the topic of "The Legal and Privacy Implications of Online Cannabis Purchases in Canada". Wonderfully successful for the second year in a row, this event is sure to become a staple in the Society's calendar.

On May 2nd we held our annual Alan B. Gold advocacy lecture and because this year is a special anniversary year for the Society, the talk was extra special as well, as we welcomed the late Justice Gold's son, Senator Marc Gold as our guest speaker. Senator Gold let us all in on a few secrets of the behind the scenes workings of the Senate, this venerable Canadian institution, and master class skills that are required to try and achieve one's goals as an independent Senator.

Experienced lawyers and Society's executives mingled with law students, stagiaires and young lawyers at the Young Bar Cocktails on May 29th, organized by our Young Bar Committee Chairs, Matthew Pekofsky and Ashley Kandestin, at Escondite Cervceria de Barrio, where fiesta atmosphere helped everyone to network and enjoy themselves.

Despite the Society's already full social schedule, our members did not forget their primary objective of standing up for human rights, and the Society's Human Rights Committee, chaired by Frank Schlesinger and co-chaired by Robert Steinman, produced and submitted to the National Assembly a memorandum outlining the Society's opposition to the proposed Bill 21, the Bill that would restrict the ability of certain individuals to wear religious symbols while working for the government. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Frank Schlesinger, Theodore Goloff, Robert Steinman, Tibor Hollander and Stephane Lacoste for their tireless efforts in producing and drafting this and related documents, which are now available for your viewing on our website (<https://lordreading.org/bill-21-documents/>).

Despite having been denied a *viva voce* hearing, a portion of the Society's Memorandum did make it into the hearings on the Bill 21 when it was cited by David Birnbaum, MNA for D'Arcy-McGee during his address to the National Assembly.

As my mandate as your President comes to an end, I would like to thank you all for the confidence that you have shown Mtre. and for the honour of serving this Society during its 70th year. It's been a privilege to be your President, and I could not have done it without the support of so many people, Past Presidents, Directors, and friends, who have freely shared their advice and experience with Mtre.. Thank you Allen, Larry, David, Heather, Nancy and Robin and many others, I could not have done it without your advice, hard work and support throughout this season. A special thank you to Hershie Frankel and Lara Malewski for their behind the scenes work which allows our events to run smoothly but often remains unseen to the uninitiated.

Mtre. Gregory Azancot will be your new President and he will be inaugurated on June 11th. I am certain that under his leadership the Society will continue its important work and will only become stronger.

The President reported that the Treasurer, Mtre. Gordon, is absent from the General Assembly due to illness.

7. Election of Officers and Members of the Board

Mtre. Goloff proposed electing all the members on the list which is annexed hereto these Minutes. Mtre. Foldiak seconded the proposition. It was passed unanimously.

8. New Business

None.

9. Good and Welfare

Mtre. Schlesinger thanked the President for her service in the 2018-19 season.

10. Adjournment:

On a motion by Mtre. Goloff, which was seconded by the Mtre. Schiller, the meeting was adjourned.

WESTMOUNT, JUNE 11TH, 2019.

Mtre. Inna Nekhim
[Chairperson & President]

Mtre. Matthew S. Shadley
[Recording Secretary]